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SAY IT LOUD (I'M BLACK AND I'M PROUD)

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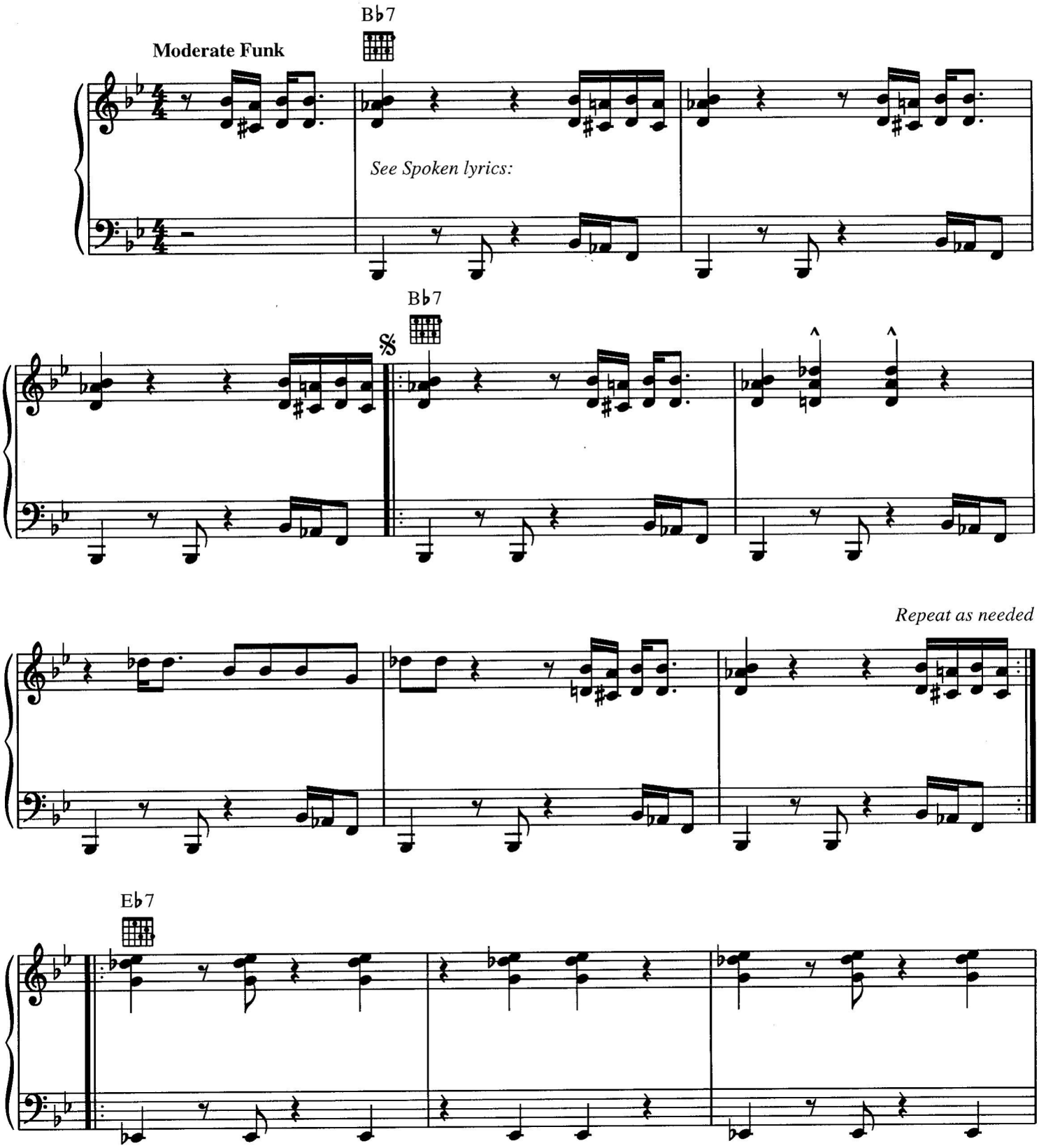

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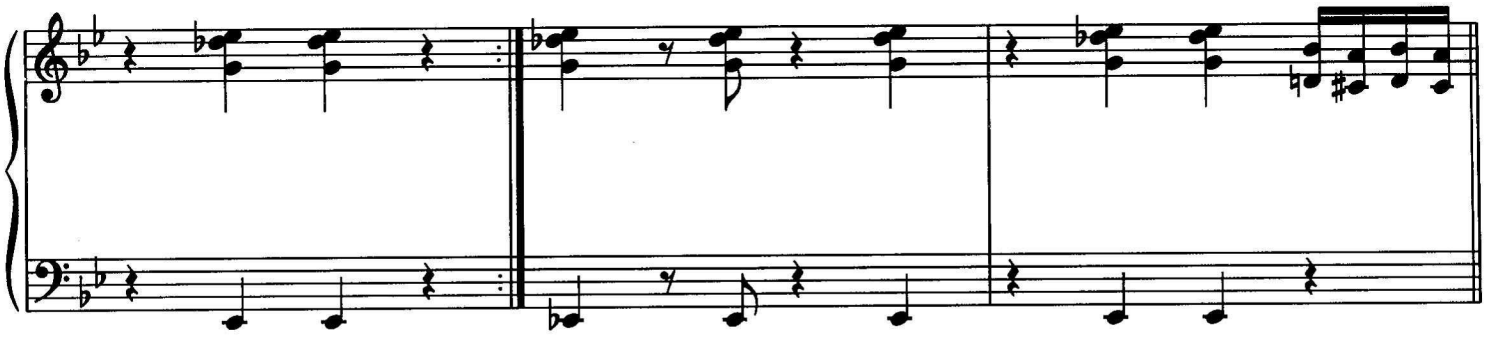

Rap Lyrics

Verse 1:
Say it loud: "I'm black and I'm proud."
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Some people say we got a lot of malice,
Some say it's a lot of nerve
But I say we won't quit moving until we get what we deserve.
We've been 'buked and we've been scorned,
We've been treated bad, talked about as sure as you're born.
But just as sure as it takes two eyes to make a pair.
Brother we can't quit until we get our share.
Say it loud: "I'm black and I'm proud."
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Say it loud: "I'm black and I'm proud."
I've worked on jobs with my feet and my hands,
But all that work I did was for the other man.
Now we demand a chance to do things for ourselves.
We're tired of beating our head against the wall
And working for someone else.
Say it loud: "I'm black and I'm proud." (4 times)

Bridge:
Ooh-ee, you're killing me.
Alright, you're outa sight.
Alright, so tough, you're tough enough.
Ooh-ee, you're killing me.

Verse 2:
Say it loud: "I'm black and I'm proud."
Say it loud: "I'm black and I'm proud."
Now we demand a chance to do things for ourselves. We're tired of beating our heads against the wall
And working for someone else.
We're people, we're like the birds and the bees,
But we'd rather die on our feet than keep living on our knees.
Say it loud: "I'm black and I'm proud." (3 times)

Fade on Bridge